

SportsLine

Eagles football on the road this week

The Colby High School Eagles varsity football squad will play their second game of the season at Hoxie Friday. The game starts at 7 p.m.

High school dance team going to Denver

The Colby High School dance team is traveling to Six Flags Elitch Gardens Saturday for a dance competition.

Colby Federated Football starts Saturday

Colby Federated Football kicks off at 10 a.m. Saturday at Dennen Field with Phillipsburg. Fourth grade will play at 10 a.m.; fifth at 11:30 a.m. and sixth at 1 p.m. The concession stand will be open for all games. Also, Western Kansas Federated Football League will be doing a drive for hurricane victims at all games.

Eagles volleyball JV traveling this weekend

The Colby High School Eagle junior varsity volleyball squad will be playing at a tournament in Scott City Saturday. Play starts at 9 a.m. The same day the "C" team will be going to Dodge City for a tournament. Their tournament starts at 9 a.m. also.

Cross country meet at Wamego Saturday

The Colby High School Eagle varsity runners have a meet in Wamego. Action starts at 9 a.m.

Junior varsity tennis to Norton

The Colby High School Lady Eagles junior varsity tennis squad heads to North Saturday for a tournament. Play begins at 10 a.m.

Middle school football scheduled

The Colby Middle School seventh grade "B" team will travel to Goodland Saturday for a football game at 10 a.m.

Youth Outdoor Skills Day scheduled

Saturday is the date for the Youth Outdoors Skills Day, which is an opportunity for youth to learn more about hunting and skills for outdoor activities. The event is sponsored by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, the Kansas Pioneer Chapter of Pheasants Forever, Wal-Mart, Pirates Den, Northwest Kansas Bowhunters Association, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, County Attorney Special Law Enforcement Fund and the Thomas County Community Foundation, Inc., Northwest Arms of Atwood; Tom, Maxine and Pat Jones; Colby Recreation Department; and Area Hunter Education Instructors.

The skills day is for youth 16 years of age or younger. Participants 10 and under should be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

All participants will have the opportunity to learn many outdoor skills from shooting and loading guns to learning archery skills and how to track game.

Skills will include: Shotgunning; learn clay target shooting with the Pheasants Forever wobble thrower; archery; target shoot with archery equipment and learn to follow a blood trail; compass and map reading; learn to use the compass and find a point in the wild muzzleloaders; learn how to load and fire muzzleloading rifles; and game calling. A game calling demonstration is also on the schedule and a buffalo burger meal will be served. It was noted by organizers that participants may be limited, so early registration is encouraged. Contact Matt or Chris at 785-462-3367 or Benny Young at 785-462-7602 if you desire more information.

Lady Trojan volleyball off to winning start

The Lady Trojan Volleyball team has put itself in a favorable position entering the Colby Classic Tournament this weekend.

Led by the power of 6'3" sophomore middle blocker Alicia Ostmeier of Grinnell and freshman outside hitters Ana Kokanovic of Serbia and Cynthia Danton of France the girls have cruised through their first month of games and gotten off to a 4-1 start.

They have a chance to improve on that record as they face Lamar, 1-8, Kansas Wesleyan 2-5 and McCook in the pool play of the tournament. The ladies began the year with a jittery, mistake filled loss against Central Columbus but followed it up with wins over Iowa Central, North Platte, Eastern Wyoming and Butler County.

Junior varsity tennis team has 'strong showing'

The Colby High School Lady Eagles junior varsity tennis team started off their season with strong showing at the Scott City Invitational tournament last Thursday. There were eight teams in the competition, including Tribune, Cimmaron, Liberal and two each from Garden City and Scott City along with Colby.

The junior varsity Lady Eagles took second in the eight-team field at 40 points, just nine points overall behind Garden City's #1 junior varsity team.

Scott City finished third in team competition with 23 points.

The tennis team had a first place finish in #1 Singles from Lindsey Wilson (4-0), a second place finish in #2 Singles from Stephanie Albers (3-1), a second place finish in #2 Doubles from the team of Emily Dougherty and Cyndi Rothfuss, and a third place finish in #1 Doubles from the team of Quinnlyn Woofter and Liz Erickson.

Matt Dickson

● The Inside Pitch

Head Coach Pedro Gonzalez attributes the turnaround season to the aggressiveness of their front court, the defensive leadership provided by sophomore Michele Burkart of Downey, Calif. and the impressive setting by Overton, Neb. product, sophomore Lisa Ryan. Coach Gonzalez is most pleased by the total team effort, which has become an integral part of the Trojans success on the volleyball court.

This weekend's tournament begins with Colby taking on McCook at 9 a.m. Saturday. Programs will be provided at the Community Building.

Let 'er rip



TISHA COX/Colby Free Press

Colby Community College Trojan pitcher threw some heat off the mound during his team's matchup against Dodge City Community College Saturday.

Quarterback 'ready'

DENVER (AP) — He didn't throw a single interception. Or a single pass with his left hand.

More than that, though, Jake Plummer was effective, efficient and in control during his brief pre-season appearances with the Denver Broncos.

"Guys keep asking me about how comfortable I look and how comfortable I feel, so I figure I must look comfortable," Plummer said Wednesday preparing for Denver's season opener against Miami. Of course, the regular season is where things start to count, and it is those games that will determine if he is the same very good but erratic quarterback he's been over his first eight

seasons — or if he's ready to take the next step into the NFL's elite.

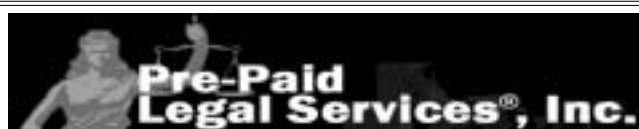
His coach, Mike Shanahan, says Plummer is already among the game's best, insisting those who criticize Plummer don't know what they're talking about.

Before training camp, Shanahan said the third year in a program should be a breakthrough year for any quarterback. This is Year 3 for Plummer in Denver. So far, Shanahan has no reason to believe Plummer can't take the next step.

"He had an excellent preseason. There wasn't much more we could have asked of him," Shanahan said. "Now, he's got to carry that over to the rest of the year."

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